and expressed the intention to continue consultations between the corresponding authorities of both States with the aim of coordinating their anti-terrorist efforts.

As regards Germany, India has a JWG on counter terrorism with it. During the visit of Prime Minister to Germany both sides agreed to continue close cooperation in the fight against terrorism, both through regular bilateral consultations and cooperation at the multilateral level.

(e) and (f) The issue of international co-operation is discussed with a broad range of countries bilaterally and in multilateral fora. India has Joint Working Groups with 23 countries and two regional groupings, *i.e.*, BIMSTEC (Bay of Bengal Initiative for Multi Sectoral Technical and Economic Cooperation) and EU (European Union). These interactions have been useful and resulted in better information sharing, capacity building, enhanced inter-agency cooperation and development of mutual legal assistance in criminal matters.

Anti-Indian sentiments in Nepal

3539. SHRI MANOHAR JOSHI: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have taken note of the growing anti-Indian sentiments among the Nepal people in the wake of pro-democracy movement in Nepal; and

(b) if so, the steps Government propose to take to safeguard country's interest in Nepal?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI E. AHAMMED): (a) There have been no growing anti-Indian sentiments among the Nepali people in the wake of pro-democracy movement in Nepal.

(b) Does not arise.